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Rev 1 Chap 19<sup>th</sup> verse

"Write the thing which thou hast seen"

Since I wrote you last, I have visited very many Christian bodies and Sabbath schools in and about this great Metropolis.

I have taken most interest in the State infant, orphan, and Sabbath schools; and will just mention some of the most interesting objects I have seen among these. A few weeks ago we attended the anniversary of the Orphan Working School, which has 240 children between 7 and 15 years of age. I have preached twice to these children, and have <sup>been</sup> deeply impressed with the intelligent and close attention they give to the preached word. Each one has a Bible and hymn book, and does not fail to turn with the most devout earnestness to a chapter or hymn, or a text that is named. I met with a little boy at this school who thinks that his mother is at the Colored orphan asylum in New York.

Since we visited the orphan school I have addressed at one time 5000 Sabbath School children assembled in Surrey Chapel. The ordinary congregation was entirely excluded; and none adults were ~~left~~ permitted to enter the house but ~~the children~~ <sup>the teachers</sup> and they had for the most part to stand in the aisle. That venerable old chapel of Rowland Hill memory was crowded in every part by children; and what will you think when I tell you that this excellent church of Christ sustains 11 different Sabbath schools,



in various parts of the City of London. These schools are all taught by members of the Church. The Church consists of 1400 members, and not less than half of that number are constantly engaged in imparting Sabbath School instructions. Many who are not engaged in this are members of Bible Classes and preparing themselves for Teachers.

Let this be a word to our membership. What are you doing to aid your Sabbath School in the Pastor's absence?

Last Sabbath I visited a large school consisting of 700 children, one of Surrey, which could not gain access into the Chapel on the day we visit the schools.

I am constantly asked in this Country one question - What is the State of piety in your churches?

I have endeavored to answer the question fairly; but you must be aware that it is very embarrassing to one to do so without disappointing some high expectations, and opinions that have been formed. I have told them that I believe the pictures of the Seven Churches of Asia will not fail to describe our general state.

How shall I answer this question my people with reference to you? Have is religion in the souls of the people in Prince Street? If I were among you now what encouragement would I have on the Sabbath in regard to your attendance



on the public worship of God.  
 If the Sanctified Theo S. Wright were now  
 among you what would be his  
 joys and sorrows on account of your  
 failing or faithfulness? I ask these questions  
 only in the spirit of Pastoral love and  
 attachment, and deep anxiety, and  
 because I hope much of you.

Brethren let me caution you as you  
 as you would encourage your Pastor  
 to abide in the spirit and temper  
 of peace both within and without. Let  
 no man tempt you from this gospel virtue  
 Farewell

Your affectionate Pastor

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